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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

Pierre Bierre et al.

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR UNIVERSAL
IDENTIFICATION OF BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES:

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) that is being filed concurrently herewith, kindly amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 33 and 43 to read as follows:

33. (Amended) A method for identifying a biological sample associated with a container, comprising:
- providing a container suitable for receiving a biological sample;
 - marking said container with a universally unique identifier which distinguishes said container from other like containers independently of the contents of said container;
 - placing a biological sample in said container;